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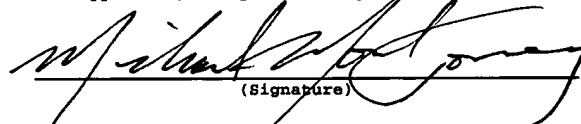
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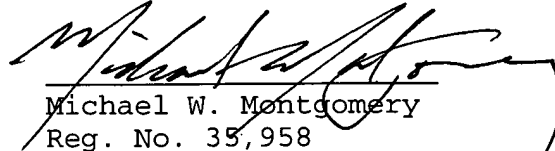
Concerning German patent No. DE 41 15 136 A1, an English language abstract of this document states that same is for an instrument for removing a foreign body from a blood vessel or the passageway of an internal organ. This is said to be made from metal or from elastically deformable plastics. The instrument has a wire (1) which has its end portion split into three arms (2). Each arm has a hook (4) formed at its outer end. The end of each hook extends radially inwardly, but is joined to the arm by a curved section which extends radially outwardly. The abstract further states that the instrument is inserted into a blood vessel with the aid of a catheter which presses the hooks together. The use or advantage attributed to this instrument is for removing foreign bodies from blood vessels. The surgical instrument is indicated as being more flexible than existing instruments used for this purpose.

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